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It is all over but the kicking in Bude county.

Marconi has perfected his system and will soon be sending wireless press dispatches across the Atlantic. Trouble ahead for the cable companies.

The fellows who come down from the North and dynamite banks in the smaller Southern cities and towns are getting in their work early this season. Such robberies are reported every week now. Extra vigilance should be the watchword with the banks. No telling where these rascals will turn up.

Edward Fitzgerald is mentioned by the Jacksonville Central Union as a good candidate for governor on a union labor and anti-corporation platform. Fitz is all right wherever you put him, as a candidate or anything else. He was at one time on the staff of The Journal and he has traveled Florida from one end of the State to the other. The suggestion of the Times is really a good one.—Pensacola Journal.

Claude L'Engle with an ample legal body-guard, is now in South Florida to answer, first to the criminal libel indictment in Manatee county in which Graham is the prosecuting witness, and then go to Tampa as defendant in the libel proceedings instituted by Messrs. Stovall and Knight. If it's trouble Claude is hunting in this life, he seems to have found it. Aggressive journalism always means water at the boiling temperature.

The Ocala Banner talks about "heavy, drowsy, clumsy newspapers in Tampa," which surprises us much coming from a veteran expert in journalism. We doubt if any city in the United States of near the same population can show a local press superior to the three dailies in Tampa. They are quite unlike each other, but all excellent, entertaining and instructive, fully covering the news field and particularly strong on their editorial pages. We thoroughly like our Tampa exchanges and always tear the wrapper off with the certainty of finding something good in them.

Tom Watson's feelings were sorely wounded because during the recent convention of the National Rural Route Carriers' Association in Atlanta he was not invited to address the Association, and didn't receive the courtesy of any kind of recognition from it. Mr. Watson claims to be the father of the rural route system, although his claim is disputed by Congressman Livingston of Georgia, but beyond a doubt he had much to do with establishing the system while he was a member of Congress. He says that he got the first appropriation for extending free delivery into the rural districts and he is willing that the Congressional Record should be examined by a committee of three impartial men to decide between him and Mr. Livingston. It is a feather in the cap of any statesman to have fathered the rural free delivery system of the United States, and the question ought to be settled definitely for historical purposes.

CATCH THE WHITE ONES, TOO.

It is just as important to put the "blind tigers" operated by white men out of business as it is to suppress those run by negroes. In some respects they are even a greater curse, and beyond all question there is far less excuse for a white man engaging in such a degrading form of crime than a negro. No respectable man who has a home and wife and children or mother and sisters who may some day be the victims of a drunken beast, can afford to find any excuse for or show any mercy to any man, white or black, caught promoting the cause of crime in his community by engaging in the illegal sale of intoxicating liquor. The Atlanta Constitution handles this form of lawlessness without gloves and all good men will endorse the following from that paper:

"But a few weeks ago a negro was convicted of the illegal sale of whiskey in a dry county close to Atlanta. The court fined him \$1,000, the limit allowed by law, or sentenced him to serve twelve months on the chain-gang. To the great surprise of the court the negro promptly paid his fine and secured his freedom. Commenting upon this case, the judge before whom it was tried said there was no doubt whatever that the negro was the tool of white men who put him forward to bear the punishment of the detected crime. Had the court suspected for a moment that the negro was prepared to pay the fine, the culprit would have found himself on the way to the chain-gang without that alternative privilege.

"But even that would not have gone to the root of the evil. The white man who would spread terror in a community, and even murder and rapine and arson, merits no consideration or mercy. He should be hunted out and put into stripes, where he belongs. The only regret in such cases is that the penalty is not a dozen times more severe than it is."

CONCERNING DR. GORRIE.

The Democrat recently suggested that Dr. John Gorrie, formerly of Apalachicola, the inventor of the process for making artificial ice, was measured by the benefits he had conferred upon the world, so great a man that his statue should go into the Hall of Fame at Washington as one of the two greatest Floridians. The suggestion was generally and widely approved by the State press and we have heard no dissenting voice. The public knows but little of the personality and career of Dr. Gorrie, although his invention has increased immeasurably the health and comfort of millions of people, and we are indebted to a late issue of the Pensacola Journal for some information about him which we are sure our readers will be glad to get. The Journal recently gave a special and lengthy "write-up" to Apalachicola, where Dr. Gorrie lived and died, and from it we take the following concerning him:

"One of the places of interest pointed out to the visitor in Apalachicola is the Gorrie monument, standing in the heart of the city, and which bears on its respective sides the following inscriptions:

"Dr. John Gorrie, born at Charleston, S. C., Oct. 3rd, 1803. Died at Apalachicola, June 18th, 1855. Inventor of the ice machine and refrigeration as described in his patent No. 8080, Aug. 22, 1850. A pioneer who devoted his talents to the benefit of mankind. This monument was erected by the Southern Ice Exchange, 1889.

"This monument was unveiled April 30th, 1900, in the central portion of the city, and is an ever present reminder to this generation, and to those who shall come after, of the debt which science and the world owe to one whom Apalachicola proudly claims as her own. John Gorrie was born in Charleston, South Carolina, October 3rd, 1803; he was educated as a physician in a northern college, and came to Apalachicola in 1833, where he occupied many positions of public trust, besides continuing the

practice of his profession, until his death in 1855. He was a man of culture and deep learning, and it was in 1847 or 1848, while preparing a series of articles for The Lancet (the foremost medical journal of those days) on the subject of "Equilibrium of Temperature as a Cure for Pulmonary Consumption," that one of his chemical experiments on air cooling resulted in the making of artificial ice. He was immediately impressed with the great value of the discovery, and at once set about perfecting it, with the result that the first ice machine ever made and operated was patented by him in 1850—twelve years before it was done in Paris, France, which city once claimed the discovery. Apalachicola is indebted to Captain George H. Whiteside for promulgating the idea, and doing most of the work of securing this memorial, and also to the generosity of the members of the Southern Ice Exchange, who, at the solicitation of Captain Whiteside, each donated the proceeds of one ton of ice on July 4th, 1897."

Yesterday we suggested the revival of our Live Oak Board of Trade in order that our leading citizens might get together and see if they couldn't do something to promote our community interests. We certainly want more people and more industries of the productive kind that will furnish employment for labor, increase the number of buyers in our stores and manufacture the articles that will bring money here. To that end we need publicity, wide publicity, in order that the outside world may know in detail of our advantages and men with money to invest may come here and locate among us. The flourishing little city of Waycross, Ga., near by us, gives our Board of Trade a pointer as to the right way to advertise the city and county, and in the press dispatches of Monday we find the following from Waycross:

"The secretary of the Waycross Board of Trade has nearly completed the list of photographs and data for the booklet to be gotten out soon to advertise Waycross and Ware county. A dozen of the best views of the city have been prepared especially for this booklet, which will be one of the best on its order ever gotten out by a Georgia city."

Horace Hood, one of the leading journalists of Alabama and for years editor and part owner of the Montgomery Journal, has been appointed sheriff of Montgomery county in that State. Mr. Hood is a man of the "dead game" kind who unites to the education and polish of a gentleman courage and conscience of a high order, and he will be fully equal to the demands upon the chief peace officer of one of the leading counties of his State. Sheriffs like Horace Hood are very large factors for peace and law and order in the country.

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